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SUBJ: U.S. ARMY COMMISSARY ETHIOPIA; MAC CHANNEL OPERATING FROM
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1. EVEN THOUGH WE STILL HAVE BLANKET CLEARANCE FOR MAC
FLIGHTS, QUESTION OF FUTURE MAC FLIGHTS TO ETHIOPIA INVOLVES
POLICY DECISIONS REGARDING U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
TO ETHIOPIA WHICH MUST BE MADE IN WASHINGTON. PENDING SUCH
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DECISION, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE TO
REQUEST DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR ANY MAC FLIGHTS
UNLESS PURPOSE OF REQUEST IS CLEAR AND IMMEDIATE.
ETHIOPIAS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN THEIR GOAL OF FORCING OUT
AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE HERE EXCEPT FOR DAO, AND WE
FRANKLY DOUBT THEY WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO REINTRODUCTION
IN ANY FORM UNLESS SUCH FLIGHT OR FLIGHTS WAS TO THEIR

BENEFIT OR IN RESPONSE TO SOME MOVE THEY THEMSELVES
MADE. WE WOULD NOT RATE RETURN OF REMAINING COMMISSARY
GOODS OR EQUIPMENT IN EITHER OF THESE CATEGORIES.

2. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS OR UNTIL SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED
OTHERWISE, WE DO NOT PROPOSE RAISE SUBJECT OF ANY FURTHER
MAC FLIGHTS WITH ETHIOPIANS. IF ADDRESSEES WISH RETURN
OF REMAINING COMMISSARY ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT, WE SHALL
ARRANGE FOR THEIR SHIPMENT BY SURFACE MEANS AS WE HAVE
TIME. FRANKLY, HOWEVER, REMAINING EMBASSY PERSONNEL
WILL OVER TIME HAVE NEED OF COMMISSARY ITEMS AND WE HOPE
THESE CAN BE LEFT HERE AS SUGGESTED PARA 2 REFTEL (D).

3. RE REF (C), WE REPEATING REFTEL (D) FOR YOUR INFO.
WE HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT PRESENT INVENTORY OF RETAIL
MERCHANDISE MAY BE AND IT MAY BE FAIRLY LONG TIME BEFORE
WE CAN DEVOTE ANY MANPOWER TO FINDING OUT, GIVEN
MAGNITUDE OF OTHER CLEANUP TASKS WE FACED WITH. MOST OF
REMAINING MERCHANDISE IS NOW ON EMBASSY COMPOUND AND
REMAINDER (MOST PERISHABLE FROZEN ITEMS) WILL BE
MOVED AS SOON AS WE CAN SET UP COLD LOCKER ON COMPOUND.
BY SEPTTEL WE WILL INFORM ABOUT EQUIPMENT.
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